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SUMMARY: DURING COURSE OF VISIT TO NORWAY, PRIME MINISTER
SOLIDLY SUPPORTED NATO IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO: DURING MARCH 28 LUNCH GIVEN BY NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER
NORDLI IN COURSE OF SOARES'S VISIT TO NORWAY, SOARES SAID PORTUGAL
AND NORWAY "CAN NOW PROCEED TOWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY IN THE
DEFENSE OF THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE, THUS HELPING TO
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RELIEVE THE WORLD OF MULTIPLE TENSIONS..." PORTUGAL AND NORWAY
ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED "TOTAL ACCORD" WITH REGARD
TO NATO. SOARES AND NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE SHOULD BE STRONG AND SHOULD HAVE A
DETERRENT EFFECT ON POSSIBLE ADVENTURES BY THE WARSAW
PACT. SOARES SAID PUBLICLY THAT IT WOULD BE VERY NAIVE
TO DISARM NATO AND RELEGATE IT TO A SECONDARY ROLE AS

LONG AS THE OPPOSING BLOC CONTINUES TO INCREASE ITS
ARMAMENTS.

2. DEFENSE COOPERATION: NORWEGIAN STATE SECRETARY FOR
DEFENSE HOLST TOLD PORTUGUESE PRESS NORWAY INTENDS TO
ASSIST PORTUGAL TO RESTRUCTURE ITS ARMED FORCES ALONG
EUROPEAN LINES. NORWAY AND PORTUGAL REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED
THE "OSLO" FRIGATES, WHICH THE NORWEGIANS HAVE AND "WHICH
PORTUGAL COULD ALSO HAVE SHORTLY IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE ITS
NAVY."

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME LAST QUOTE IS GARBLE. PORTUGAL HAS
FRIGATES OF THE OSLO CLASS (US DEALEY) AND HOLST HAS MENTIONED
POSSIBILITY OF NORWEGIAN COOPERATION IN THEIR MODERNIZATION.
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OSLO'S COMMENTS ON WHETHER NORWEGIANS
MAY HAVE MADE AN OFFER TO PORTUGUESE. NATO SECTION OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY HERE HAS HEARD NOTHING YET ABOUT NORWEGIAN HELP FOR
PORTUGUESE FRIGATES.

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